

Targhee Talk

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See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk Submissions for the June Edition are due May 26th.

Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to

ustargheesheep@gmail.com

or through the U.S. mail:

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Can't attend Nationals and the Annual Member's meeting?

But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com to have it added to the meeting agenda.

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President's Notes

The 2012 Nationals are almost here. I hope to see all the regulars attending in Columbus and also look forward to seeing many past contributors/ breeders come again for our 61st year. I'm really looking forward to seeing our last Starter Flock recipient, Desire Router, attending along with our outstanding past winners and lastly, meeting our new 2012 winner. Thank you to Jeff and the committee for doing a great job. I truly believe this is a very successful program and hope to see it continue with just as much success.

I'd also like to thank Mardy Rutledge for all her hard work on the directory. She was able to acquire more producer ads than in past issues along with a number of new business sponsors to help defray the costs.

Your President, Warren Nellis

Items Worth Noting

2012 Targhee National Show & Sale - July 12-14

Recently Montana Governor, Brian Schweitzer, was on David Letterman inviting the nation to Montana. He mentioned the great landscape and lack of people. The Montana Targhee Sheep Association also invites you to Montana this summer. The lack of people is terrific, but what we get really excited about is our people to sheep ratio which is about 3.4:1. And, just about everywhere you see sheep in Montana - you see Targhee! Come spend a few days enjoying the beautiful mountains, cool summer nights, and a chance to whitewater raft.

Event and Entry Forms are now available for download on the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org). Event and Entry Forms are due back to Elisha Lewis and Mardy, respectively, by **June 10th**. For those entering the 2012 National Show and Sale, please download the Entry Brochure Booklet. This booklet details all of the information, rules, and testing details consignors will need for a successful show and sale. To receive copies of the Event and Entry Forms, along with the Entry Brochure booklet, through the U.S. mail, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

Wool Show

Classes:

Ewe fleece 62 & finer
Ram fleece 62 & finer

Ewe fleece 58 & 60
Ram fleece 58 & 60

Wool entry is \$5 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class. **Class winners will receive placing ribbons. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in clear plastic bags. Bags will be furnished if necessary. Entries can be mailed to Elisha Lewis - 342 Svenson Road; Reed Point, Montana, 59069, if you are not able to attend the event but would like to enter the wool show. Arrangements can be made to send entries back.**

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. **Entries may be submitted electronically to Mardy at ustargheesheep@gmail.com no later Saturday, June 30th. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.** Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will **NOT** be returned. Photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12th through 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 13th. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Columbus Lodging & Recreation Options

Show and Sale headquarters will be at the Super 8 Motel in Columbus, Montana. A block of rooms is reserved under the National Targhee Show and Sale at a special rate of \$85 + sales tax. The phone number for the Super 8 is 406-322-4101. Riverside Cabins are also available. Check this option out at www.riversideguestcabins.com. These will rent for \$68 per night plus tax. The phone number is 406-322-5066. Another option is the Big Sky Motel which will be leasing rooms for \$53-70 plus tax per night. Give them a call at 406-322-4111.

Elisha Lewis is organizing a whitewater raft trip with Adventure Whitewater on Thursday, July 12th from 1-5 pm. If you are interested in going the cost is \$40 per person. If enough people go, the cost will drop to \$35 per person. Please give Elisha a call to RSVP (406-861-0082).

Bedding on Site

There will be straw bales and wood chips available for purchase at the show/sale grounds during the event. There can be available hay for sale. Contact Elisha.

Phone Bids

We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Elisha Lewis 406-861-0082.

Early Arrival

Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday, July 11th at 5:00 pm. Contact Elisha Lewis 406-861-0082.

Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening July 13th. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the 2012 National Show and Sale. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, those will be given out during the Friday evening banquet. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

2012 USTSA Starter Flock Donations Needed

Greetings from the USTSA Starter Flock Committee -

We hope your lambing season has gone or continues to go well this year! Weather-wise here, it was one of the mildest ones we can remember. Guess it balances out the two record snowfall years we had previously.

Looking ahead, we are anticipating, the 2012 National Show & Sale in Columbus, Montana, to be a great event. The award of the inaugural USTSA Starter Flock highlighted our last venture out West three years ago. Hard to believe it has been that long since this program began.

If you had the opportunity to attend the 2011 National Show & Sale in Brookings, you had the privilege of seeing one of the largest Junior Shows in recent history! And, a majority of those exhibitors had ties to the starter flock program. This was our main goal - get quality youth nationwide exposed to the breed and let them experience firsthand the great things about Targhee sheep. The project is working, and the members of the USTSA should be very proud of everything they have done to make it a success.

2012 brings another large number of quality applications to the board that will allow us to add yet another great sheep family to our membership. In order to make this happen, we are in need of your help. The program is in need of donations of 3 animals - a ewe lamb, a yearling ewe, and a young brood ewe. If you cannot donate an animal, but still would like to contribute, cash donations are also accepted to allow the recipient to buy additional stock at our national sale.

With the lamb market the way it is, plus a still struggling economy, this is not an easy thing to ask of anybody. But if you can find it in your hearts or in your pocketbooks to make a donation, you will not only be supporting the program, but you will be supporting your own livelihood by supporting the breed. Wherever we go lately, we are asked about this program. People are talking about Targhees! And people are buying Targhees!

If there is anything you can do to help our continued success, we thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Hope to see you all this summer!

Jeff & Leslie Nevens - USTSA Starter Flock Chairpersons

Did you know?
The USTSA is now on
Facebook!

If you are a facebooker, Like the US Targhee Sheep Association. This will be a great way to connect sellers and potential buyers and have a forum for breeders to communicate any issues at hand.

Free Advertising Space
for Targhee Events

Do you have a Targhee event you would like to see promoted in 2012? Please contact the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com) to list your event for FREE!



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Thanks Jeff & Leslie
for making the
USTSA Starter Flock
a reality!

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Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association 2012 Starter Flock Winner Announced

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association would like to welcome a new member to the USTSA – Darcie Rodeback of Iola, Wisconsin. Darcie, the daughter of Dean & Cindy Rodeback, grew up with her two older brothers showing Dorsets and market lambs in northern Illinois. Now a senior in high school, Darcie owns 3 cross-bred ewes and is mentoring 2 other young 4-H members in sheep projects. She has put many hours into showing her sheep at the Portage County Fair.



Darcie is a very active FFA member, and has held numerous officer positions in addition to taking part in activities at the chapter, county and state levels. She was recently awarded the Top Senior FFA member for the Rosholt Chapter.

Darcie plans to have sheep in her life for a long time, just as her family has. She hopes to be able to raise lambs for other 4-H and FFA members, and looks forward to becoming an active member within the Targhee community.

Please join us in welcoming Darcie and her family to the USTSA!

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Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites **at least 10** & no more than 30 days prior to the event. Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring a note with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.

2012 Directory & Standards Update

...is finally at the printer. Thank you to everyone that helped put it together and to all the producers that purchased ads to make it possible. We also acquired a number of new business partners to advertise in both the directory and newsletter. If you know of any business that would like to advertise in future issues, please contact Mardy.

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Finding Targhees in 2012

Looking for Targhees? Watch the website for a current listing of Fairs and Ram Sales where Targhees will be entered. If you would like to add any to the list, please contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or us-targheesheep@gmail.com.

Pipestone Lamb and Wool Facility Tour, June 4, 2012

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, dedicated to changing sheep production to make it more profitable for producers, is excited to offer an idea filled sheep facility tour. The purpose of the tour is to give producers an opportunity to see various types of sheep facilities, including the latest innovations in sheep buildings, handling systems, feeding systems and facility layout.

The tour will be a full day, visiting five Lamb and Wool producers with new and remodeled facilities. In addition, this will be an opportunity to hear the philosophy of sheep production from five successful sheep producers.

Visit our website www.pipestone-sheep.com for registration information and to view pictures of tour locations or contact (800) 658-2330, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, or philip.berg@mnwest.edu.

Do you hear the great surround sound when visiting with your USTSA Secretary on the phone?

Welcome to the world

Kolt LeDoux Rutledge

Born February 15th, 2012

7 lbs 8 oz

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USTSA Show & Sale Schedule of Events

7/11	Wednesday
5:00 pm	Pens available for early arrivals
7/12	Thursday
8:00 am	Official arrival & welcome of members
1:00 pm	Whitewater rafting
3:00 pm	Sifting begins - deadline for sheep to be in the barn
	Health, registration, micron, & EBV paperwork to be turned in at this time
	Wool & Photo Contest entries due
5:30 pm	BBQ along Still water River
8:30 pm	USTSA Board of Directors Meeting
7/13	Friday
9:00 am	National Junior Show
1:00 pm	Open Show
	Adult Jackpot
3:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting
7:00 pm	Banquet followed by Benefit Auction
	Jr. Members' Pizza Party
7/14	Saturday
12:00 am	National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

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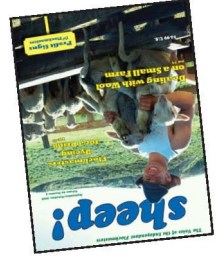
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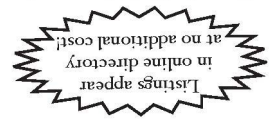
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